

What is claimed is:

1. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:

a storage that is configured to store a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data;

a plurality of demultiplexing sections that are configured to demultiplex said data stream stored in said storage to the video data, the audio data, and the identification data;

a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed, to reproduce; and

a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on demultiplexed identification data,

wherein when occurrences of a reproduction request and a retrieval request overlap in time, said plurality of demultiplexing sections execute demultiplexing to extract the identification data for retrieval from said data stream and demultiplexing to extract the video data and the audio data each for reproduction from said data stream in parallel.

2. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of demultiplexing sections that are configured to execute demultiplexing to extract the

a plurality of retrieval sections that are configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data,

3. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data stream is input to the demultiplexing section that executes demultiplexing to extract the identification data for retrieval at a data transfer rate higher than a data transfer rate at which said data stream is input to the demultiplexing section that executes demultiplexing to extract the video data and the audio data each for reproduction.

a demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to the video data, the audio data and the identification data;

a decoding section that is configured to decode the

video data and the audio data, each stored in said storage, to reproduce; and

a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on the  
5 identification data stored in said storage.

5. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:

a first demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval  
10 incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to streams of multiplexed video data and audio data, and the identification data;

a storage that is configured to store the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data, and the  
15 identification data, each demultiplexed in said first demultiplexing section;

a second demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data stored in said storage to the video data and  
20 the audio data;

a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed in said second demultiplexing section, to reproduce; and

a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve  
25 specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data stored in said storage.

6. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:

a plurality of demultiplexing sections that are configured to demultiplex said data stream stored in said storage to the video data, the audio data, and the identification data;

a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on demultiplexed identification data; and

7. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:

25           a demultiplexing section that is configured to  
demultiplex said data stream stored in said storage to  
the video data, the audio data, and the identification

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        a decoding section that is configured to decode the
video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed, to
reproduce;

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a temporary storage, provided between said demultiplexing section and said decoding section, which is capable of being accessed randomly, wherein said temporary storage temporarily stores the video data and the audio data each demultiplexed.

a storage that is configured to store a data stream  
15 in which identification data with identification  
information for retrieval incorporated therein is  
multiplexed along with video data and audio data;

a temporary storage, capable of being accessed randomly, that is configured to temporarily store the video data and the audio data and the identification data each demultiplexed;

a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each read from said

a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data read from said temporary storage.

a storage that is configured to store a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data;

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        a decoding section that is configured to decode the
15 streams of multiplexed video data and audio data to
    reproduce;

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20           a temporary storage, provided between said demultiplexing section and said decoding section, which is capable of being accessed randomly, wherein said temporary storage temporarily stores the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data.

a storage that is configured to store a data stream  
in which identification data with identification

a demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex said data stream stored in said storage to the identification data and streams of multiplexed video data and audio data;

10           a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve  
specific video data and specific audio data based on  
demultiplexed identification data; and

11. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according  
20 to claim 6, wherein said data stream stored in said  
temporary storage is output to said demultiplexing  
section that executes demultiplexing to extract the  
video data and the audio data each for reproduction from  
said data stream, and said data stream is output to said  
25 demultiplexing section that executes demultiplexing to  
extract the identification data for retrieval from said  
data stream without being passed through said temporary

12. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:  
a demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to the video data, the audio data and the identification data;

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        a second storage that is configured to store
demultiplexed identification data;

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a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data read from said second storage.

a storage that is configured to store the streams  
of multiplexed video data and audio data



a second storage that is configured to store demultiplexed identification data;

a second demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data read from said storage to the video data and the audio data;

a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed, to reproduce; and

10 a retrieval section that is configured to retrieve specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data read from said second storage.

14. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second storage is comprised of a recording device which is capable of being accessed randomly.

15. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:

a demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to the video data, the audio data and the identification data;

a retrieval section that is configured to select a period matching a pre-registered retrieval condition from said data stream based on demultiplexed identification data;

a storage that is configured to store data corresponding to the selected period of the video data and the audio data each demultiplexed; and

a decoding section that is configured to decode the  
5 video data and the audio data, each stored in said storage, to reproduce.

16. A video storage and retrieval apparatus comprising:

a first demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data  
10 with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to the identification data and streams of multiplexed video data and audio data;

a retrieval section that is configured to select  
15 a period matching a pre-registered retrieval condition from said data stream based on demultiplexed identification data;

a storage that is configured to store data corresponding to the selected period of the streams of  
20 multiplexed video data and audio data;

a second demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data stored in said storage to the video data and the audio data; and

a decoding section that is configured to decode the  
25 video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed, to reproduce.

a demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to the video data, the audio data and the identification data;

10           a retrieval section that is configured to select  
a period matching a pre-registered retrieval condition  
from said data stream based on the identification data  
stored in said second storage;

a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each stored in said storage, to reproduce.

a first demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to the identification data and streams of multiplexed video data and audio data;

a second storage that is configured to store

a retrieval section that is configured to select a period matching a pre-registered retrieval condition from said data stream based on the identification data stored in said second storage;

a second demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data stored in said storage to the video data and the audio data; and

19. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data stream is an MPEG stream conforming to MPEG as a moving picture coding standard.

21. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 19, wherein in said MPEG stream, the identification data is contained in a stream header to include stream information, and is multiplexed along

with the video data and the audio data.

22. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 19, wherein in said MPEG stream, the identification data is stored as a private descriptor  
5 in a PAT (Program Association Table), a PMT (Program Map Table) or a CAT (Conditional Access Table), and is multiplexed along with the video data and the audio data.

23. The video storage and retrieval apparatus according to claim 19, wherein in said MPEG stream, the  
10 identification data is stored as private data section, and is multiplexed along with the video data and the audio data.

24. A video retrieval server apparatus comprising:  
a first demultiplexing section that is configured  
15 to demultiplex a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data to streams of multiplexed video data and audio data and the identification data;

20 a retrieval section that is configured to select a period matching a retrieval condition received from a video reproducing terminal via a transmission medium from said data stream based on demultiplexed identification data;

25 a storage that is configured to store data corresponding to the selected period of the streams of multiplexed video data and audio data;

a transmission section that is configured to transmit said streams of multiplexed video data and audio data stored in said storage to said video reproducing terminal via said transmission medium.

- 5 25. A video reproducing terminal that provides a retrieval request to the video retrieval server apparatus according to claim 24, comprising:

10 a transmission section that is configured to transmit a retrieval condition to the video retrieval server apparatus via a transmission medium;

a reception section that is configured to receive streams of multiplexed video data and audio data as a retrieved result from said video retrieval server apparatus;

- 15 a second demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex received streams of multiplexed video data and audio data to the video data and the audio data; and

20 a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed, to reproduce.

26. A video retrieval system comprising:

a video retrieval server apparatus according to claim 24;

- 25 a video reproducing terminal that provides a retrieval request to the video retrieval server apparatus; and

a transmission medium that connects said video retrieval server apparatus and said video reproducing terminal, said transmission medium being a communication network, a broadcasting network or thereof,

5 wherein said video reproducing terminal has a transmission section that is configured to transmit a retrieval condition to the video retrieval server apparatus via a transmission medium, a reception section that is configured to receive streams of  
10 multiplexed video data and audio data as a retrieved result from said video retrieval server apparatus,

a second demultiplexing section that is configured to demultiplex received streams of multiplexed video data and audio data to the video data and the audio data,  
15 and a decoding section that is configured to decode the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed, to reproduce.

27. A video storage and retrieval method comprising:  
storing a data stream in which identification data  
20 with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data in a recording medium;

reading the data stream as an object to be reproduced and the data stream as an object to be  
25 retrieved from said recording medium when occurrences of a reproduction request and a retrieval request overlap in time;

decoding the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed from the data stream as the object to be reproduced, to reproduce, while retrieving specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data demultiplexed from the data stream as the object to be retrieved.

reading the identification data contained in the data stream as an object to be retrieved in parallel with the video data and the audio data each as an object to be reproduced from said recording medium when  
20 occurrences of a reproduction request and a retrieval request overlap in time; and

29. A video storage and retrieval method comprising:  
demultiplexing a data stream in which



transferring the data stream as an object to be reproduced and/or the data stream as an object to be retrieved to a temporary storage from said recording medium;

5 in time; and

decoding the video data and the audio data, each demultiplexed from the stream as the object to be reproduced, to reproduce, while retrieving specific video data and specific audio data based on the identification data demultiplexed from the data stream as the object to be retrieved.

15 demultiplexing a data stream in which  
identification data with identification information for  
retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with  
video data and audio data to the video data, the audio  
data and the identification data;

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        storing data corresponding to the selected period
of the video data and the audio data each demultiplexed;

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decoding the video data and the audio data, each stored, to reproduce.